Orissa viz. Bhubaneswar, Puri, Konark, Dhauli. Ratanagiri, Lalitgiri, Udaygiri, Bhadrak Chandipur, Khiching Joshipur (Simlipal), Chilka Lake, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Taptapani, Koraput, Bolangir. Jharsuguda, Angul, Tikkarpara & Talcher to be developed in a phased manner through the combined resources of the Centre, State and the private sectors.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism has recived the following proposals for the future development of tourism in Orissa:

(1) Provision of basic amenities at Chandrabhaga, Konark;

(2) Construction of shopping complex and day centre at Konark;

(3) Yatri Niwas at Satpada of Chilka lake;

(4) Provisions of three mini buses, six wagonetts and five elephants; and

(5) Survey of beach between Puri and Konark.

In addition the Department has released an amount of Rs. 1.97 lakhs out of Rs. 3.94 lakhs for purchase of cruise boat for Chilka Lake during 1985-86. A large number of brochures, folders and posters have been printed by the Central Government on the places of tourist attractions of Orissa. Recently the Department has bought fifty prints of the film entiled "Orissa A Land Of Unforgettable Memories" which has been distributed to our offices in India and overseas. Orissa is covered in atleast five other films produced by the Department.

Adequate financial assistance to schemes submitted by the State Government for development of infrastructural facilties in Orissa has been and is being provided by the Department of Tourism.

Hike on Import Duty on DMT and TPA

2280. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Indian Express" (Bombay edition) of the 29th October, 1985 to the effect that there has been leakage of the Government's decision to increase import duty on DMT and TPA, the basic raw material for the polyester yarn and fibre industry, leading to the import of huge quanity of TPA by a Bombay-based firm before Government's announcement in this regard;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the firm and the officials involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A news-item regarding possibile leakage of the Government's decision to increase the import duty on DMT and TPA, which appeared in the 'Indian Exress' (Bombay edition) of the 29th October, 1985 has come to the notice of the Government. It has come to the notice of the Government that a textile company at Bombay had placed orders for import of TPA in huge quantities immediately before the change in the import policy, whereby, on 29-5-1985, TPA was transferred from OGL into 'limited permissible' category for purposes of import licensing.

The matter is presently under investigation and the nature of action to be taken would depend on the outcome of the investigation.